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1. IN COMMENTING ON RECENT JAPANESE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANI-
ZATIONS VISIT, AMBASSADOR SHIGEMITSU HINTED THAT THERE WOULD
PROBABLY BE A JAPANESE-SOVIET GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT
ON NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION IN THE "FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE". WHILE
IN MOSCOW THE FEO DELEGATION CALLED ON CHAIRMAN A.M PETROSYANTS OF
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THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ALTHOUGH,

ACCORDING TO SHIGEMITSU, THE DISCUSSIONS WERE OF ONLY A GENERAL NATURE.

2. SHIGEMITSU ALSO MENTIONED THAT SOME JAPANESE EQUIPMENT IS CONNECTED WITH AN ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT IN THE DON-VOLGA AREA. HE THOUGHT THESE MIGHT BE PRESSES TO BE USED IN MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FOR ATMOIC ENERGY POWER PLANTS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION. WITH REFERENCE TO THE VOLGODONSK HEAVY MACHINE BUILDING PLANT SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO US AN INTEREST IN EUROPEAN, PARTICULARLY WEST GERMAN, EQUIPMENT (REFS A, B, AND C). END COMMENT.
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